



June 24, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners,

As the fastest growing county in Mississippi, we need to make sure technology is advancing and improving as fast as we who live in Southaven are. As you may have heard, there is a proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA. Like the people of Southaven, AT&T and T-Mobile are interested in improving and growing stronger. If this merger is approved, almost every citizen will have access to AT&T's strong wireless broadband network. Having almost the entire country covered would open the door for other counties all over the country to expand and grow the way that Southaven has.

With this new, stronger network, the town of Southaven has the opportunity to grow even more than it already has. This merger has the ability to dramatically reduce the economic and technological barriers that exist in rural communities. The ability to bring new business and investors to Southaven would be a huge step for us. Usually at a disadvantage for economic growth, small rural towns like Southaven would finally be able to compete in the same market for the same opportunities as bigger towns and cities.

This competition would be crucial for improving our weak economy. Competition would create lower prices, which in turn would create more jobs and opportunities. This merger would also create jobs in the sense that there would have to be installation, repair, and management of this new network. In order to install, repair, and manage the network to the best possible ability, there would need to be thousands of new jobs created.

One cannot advertise and get business without having a noticeable presence online. This stronger wireless network would give small, rural business that presence they need to succeed at a big-scale level while still retaining the small town charm.

While we know we cannot tell you what to think, we ask that you carefully consider this opportunity. We hope that, when making your final decision, you take a moment to think about all the opportunities a stronger broadband network offers, not just for small town rural business, but for businesses all over the country.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ginger Adams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ginger Adams
Executive Director
Southaven Chamber of Commerce